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SUBJ: INCREASED SECURITY AT ARAMCO INSTALLATIONS

1. IN ARAMCO INTERNAL INFORMATION BULLETIN (CIRCULATED ONLY TO TOP OFFICIALS) OF JULY 17, FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH APPEARED: "A- GOVERNMENT CIRCULAR NO. 578/3/C DATED 4/8/78 WAS ISSUED TO ALL OFFICERS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REQUESTING THAT SECURITY AROUND OIL INSTALLATION S BE INCREASED. WE WERE INFORMED OF THIS BY THE AMIR OF ABQAIQ AND THE ACTING AMIR OF "UDHAILIYAH."

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THIS CONFIDENTIAL CIRCULAR, ROBERT NORBERG, ARAMCO'S GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MANAGER, SAID THAT CIRCULAR WAS ONLY PART OF RENEWED EMPHASIS BY SAG ON OIL FACILITIES SECURITY. DURING PAST FEW WEEKS ARAMCO, PETROLEUM MINISTRY AND PETROMIN HAVE HAD SERIES OF CONFERENCES IN RIYADH TO DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS OF INCREASING SUCH SECURITY.

3. THUS FAR, ACCORDING TO NORBERG, RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS HAVE NOT BEEN CONCLUSIVE. ARAMCO HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM DEPUTY MINISTER OF PETROLEUM KHAYAL SUGGESTING VARIOUS METHODS OF
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INCREASED SECURITY, INCLUDING NEW STANDARDIZED ARAMCO ID CARDS AND USING ONLY SAUDI NATIONALS AS GUARDS FOR ALL INSTALLATIONS.

4. WIDER USE OF SAUDI NATIONAL GUARDS AT VARIOUS FACILITIES IS ALSO APPARENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND FRONTIER FORCE, WHICH HAD PRINCIPAL SECURITY TASK AT RAS TANURA, WILL BE REDUCED IN

SIZE AND REPLACED BY NATIONAL GUARD.

5. NORBERG WAS NON-COMMITAL AS TO WHAT MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WOULD
DO TO INCREASE SECURITY, BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT PRESENT FOCUS
OF SAG AT THIS TIME IN SECURITY FIELD WAS REPLACEMENT OF ALL NON-
SAUDIS AS GUARDS AT ARAMCO INSTALLATIONS, WHETHER THESE INSTALLATIONS
WERE HOUSING COMPOUNDS OR ACTUAL OIL PRODUCING FACILITIES.
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